

Water Quality Program Summary 2005 – 2007 Program Plan

Program Mission: To protect and restore Washington's waters.

Priority of Washington State: Improve the Quality of Natural Resources.			
Activity What We Do	Desired Results What We Want To Achieve	Strategies How We Will Do It	Accountability Measures How We Will Measure Success
Prevent Point Source Water Pollution	Surface and ground water resources meet federal and state water quality standards for the protection of human health and the environment (supply/use, public health, aquatic life, recreation, habitat and commerce).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist 2,300 industries and communities to obtain permits, comply with laws and protect water quality Complete regulatory improvement work to enhance customer service. Manage the \$25 million Permit Fee Account Administer 2,300 individual permits and 8 general permits Improve the accuracy and timeliness of data and information sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased production and use of reclaimed water Reduced toxicity and volume of wastewater discharges Reduced number of repeat violators Permittee satisfaction with timeliness and predictability of permit process Reduce the permit backlog to 10% Conduct 700 site visits per year Certify 2,000 wastewater plant operators
Reduce Nonpoint Source Water Pollution	Protection of surface and ground water through community implementation of the State's Nonpoint Pollution Management Plan to address Washington's number one cause of water pollution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer the State's \$6.5M/year federal nonpoint grant Lead the State's multi-agency non-point work group Support the state's management of 12 million acres of forest Support the development of a new program for animal waste at the Department of Ag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of stream miles restored or protected Endangered Species Act assurances secured for the Forest and Fish program Reduced bacteria levels in Nooksack River tributaries, Lower Yakima River irrigation ditches, Snake River tributaries, and Hood Canal tributaries
Control Stormwater Pollution	Contamination of streams, rivers, estuaries, lakes and ground water from the runoff of stormwater from roads and other impervious surfaces is reduced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide tools and compliance pathways for 2,000 stormwater dischargers Administer 2,000 industrial and construction permit coverages Support communities and businesses to use best management practices from Ecology's stormwater manuals or equivalent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permittee satisfaction with timeliness and predictability of permit process Inspect key dischargers every 2 years Issue the Municipal Phase 1 and 2 permits using stakeholder advisory groups Reissue the construction stormwater permit

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Provide Water Quality Financial Assistance	Public funds dedicated to improve water quality for the protection of public health and the environment are managed properly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist 500 grant and loan recipients to properly manage public funds and distribute over \$90 million new funds each year Award 120 new grants and loans per year Demonstrate environmental benefits from grant and loan program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipient satisfaction with grant and loan process Timely grant and loan close-outs Capture and illustrate environmental data generated through grants and loans Condition awards to require environmental reporting
Cleanup Polluted waters	Water quality cleanup plans to protect public health and the environment are implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement water cleanup plans (TMDLs) for 650 polluted water bodies Develop guidance documents for the newly revised water quality standards Develop alternatives to cleanup plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced number of polluted water bodies Submit 50 water cleanup plans to EPA per year Track implementation of cleanup plans Update the State's list of polluted waters